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Businesses Urged to Prepare for Severe Weather Event

(Bel Air, MD) - - Harford County Executive David R. Craig and James Richardson, Director of the Office of Economic Development are urging businesses in Harford County to prepare for a severe weather event. The warning comes as a result of the projected storm path of Hurricane Sandy.

"Our business community, which is vital to the economy and quality of life in Harford County should take immediate steps to prepare for the potential onslaught of Hurricane Sandy," said County Executive Craig. "With high winds, driving rain and possible localized flooding, business operations may be jeopardized as a result of this storm," Craig remarked.

The Harford County Division of Emergency Operations (EOC) has been partially activated and is expected to transition to full activation by 7:00 p.m. Sunday, October 28, 2012. Harford County Government departments and agencies, as well as the three municipalities and state agencies have commenced planning and preparations in an effort to help mitigate the impact of Hurricane Sandy.

The Harford County "Hot-Line" will begin operation Sunday at 7:00 a.m. The "Hot-Line" number is 410-838-5800, and will be staffed 24-hours a day throughout the duration of the storm. The purpose of the Harford County "Hot-Line" is to provide assistance to callers for non-emergency issues. Citizens with emergency situations should call 9-1-1.

"Hurricane Sandy is a very serious storm and therefore I strongly recommend citizens and businesses alike to take immediate steps to prepare for this severe weather event," County Executive Craig said.

For further information regarding storm preparedness, visit the Harford County Division of Emergency Operations website at www.harfordpublicsafety.org.

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